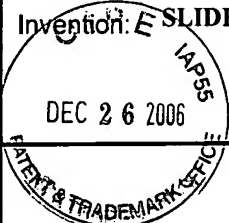




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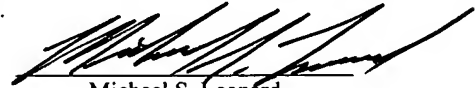
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This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 25, 2006. Applicants request amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this Response.

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